

House File 731 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 269)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting certain health carriers from excluding
2 certain out-of-state health care professionals from
3 participating as providers, via telehealth, under the
4 carriers' policies, plans, and contracts, and including
5 effective date and applicability provisions.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 514C.34, subsection 1, Code 2021, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0c.* "*Health carrier*" means the same as
4 defined in section 514J.102.

5 Sec. 2. Section 514C.34, subsection 3, Code 2021, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 3. a. Health care services that are delivered by telehealth
8 must be appropriate and delivered in accordance with applicable
9 law and generally accepted health care practices and standards
10 prevailing at the time the health care services are provided,
11 including all rules adopted by the appropriate professional
12 licensing board, pursuant to [chapter 147](#), having oversight
13 of the health care professional providing the health care
14 services.

15 b. A health carrier shall not exclude a health care
16 professional who is physically located out-of-state from
17 participating as a provider, via telehealth, under a policy,
18 plan, or contract offered by the health carrier in the state if
19 all of the following requirements are met:

20 (1) The health care professional is licensed in this state
21 by the appropriate professional licensing board and is able to
22 deliver health care services via telehealth in compliance with
23 paragraph "a".

24 (2) The health care professional is able to satisfy the same
25 criteria that the health carrier uses to qualify a health care
26 professional who is located in the state, and who holds the
27 same license as the out-of-state professional, to participate
28 as a provider, via telehealth, under a policy, plan, or
29 contract offered by the health carrier in the state.

30 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
31 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

32 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to health carriers
33 that deliver, issue for delivery, continue, or renew a policy,
34 contract, or plan in this state on or after the effective date
35 of this Act.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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4 This bill prohibits certain health carriers (carriers)
5 from excluding certain out-of-state health care professionals
6 (professionals) from participating as providers, via
7 telehealth, under a policy, plan, or contract offered by
8 the health carrier if the professional is licensed in Iowa,
9 is able to deliver health care services via telehealth in
10 compliance with Code chapter 514C.34, and is able to satisfy
11 the same criteria that the carrier uses to qualify in-state
12 professionals, who hold the same license as the out-of-state
13 professional, as providers.

14 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to carriers
15 that deliver, issue for delivery, continue, or renew a
16 policy, contract, or plan in this state on or after the bill's
17 effective date.